

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

For two years the oil consumption of the world has exceeded the production.

Baron Iwasaki Hisya, the richest young man in Japan, is touring the United States.

The Duke and Duchess of Manchester are to pay another visit to the United States.

Robert Golet of New York denies being married to Miss Eleanor Anderson, a telegraph operator.

A locomotive testing laboratory will be a feature of the Transportation Building of the World's fair.

Microscopic experiments show that the electrically made steel is not different in any way from crucible steel.

There are nearly 600 cases of scarlet fever in Havana. Recoveries are generally rapid. There have been few deaths.

Of the strikes in Great Britain last year 866,917 were successful, 35,515 unsuccessful, and 41,645 accepted compromise.

There have been twenty-nine deaths from the plague and fifty-two fresh cases of the disease during the last week at Rio Janeiro.

Most of the strike troubles are confined to Spain and the United States. Maybe this is a punishment to the two countries for warring with each other.

The coke trade continues on the decline. There was some hope last week that November would bring an improvement, but instead the indications are no better.

No speeches were made during the luncheon given to royal personages at Wolfsgarten, Germany. In the afternoon Emperor William and the czar played tennis.

Senator Stewart of Nevada is the only man in the senate who has never been shaved. His beard began to grow when he was 16 and has been growing for sixty years.

The Northern Pacific Railroad company has declared a dividend of 1 1/2 per cent and an extra dividend of 1/2 of 1 per cent. This makes 7 per cent for the present calendar year.

The conference between Count von Buelow and Count Lambsdorff at the castle of Darmstadt, Germany, on Wednesday was on the situation in the Balkans and in the far east.

During the ten months of the calendar year ending October 30, 121,115 immigrants had arrived in Canada. Of these 39,046 were from the United States, 47,341 from the British Isles and 34,528 from the continent of Europe.

Major C. R. Scooby, agent of the Fort Peck Indian reservation, has issued a proclamation declaring that all non-residents who may be found driving stock within the boundaries of the reservation will be "treated as outlaws."

Pesti Hirap reports that Captain Bease, an American, while traveling in Hungary, dropped dead at Zamobor. He had just been visiting the grave of his daughter, who had died at Zamobor five years ago.

General John C. Black, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., who has been at the Garfield hospital in Washington suffering from a rheumatic attack, is reported to be getting along as well as can be expected.

Miss Lolita Armour, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Armour, of Chicago, who was operated upon by Dr. Lorenz, will give further proof of her recovery by taking dancing lessons in the near future.

The Chinese are more enraged at the Russian proceedings at Mukden than they have been at any event since the capture of Peking. Some of the hot-headed members of the council have advised the dowager empress to declare war on Russia.

Rev. Horatio Brotherton, pastor of Trinity Baptist church, Cleveland, O., and prominent in the latter denomination, died as the result of paralysis, which attacked him on Monday last. Deceased was 55 years of age.

Four hundred workmen in the bloom mill and the iron and steel finishing departments of the Pencoyd iron works at Philadelphia, Pa., were laid off, making a total of nearly 2,000 men rendered idle by the gradual closing of the big plants. The eight-inch steel mill will be closed on Saturday, which will complete the shutdown.

Almost unaided Rev. W. A. Lewis of the Cherry Valley (Pa.) Methodist church, rebuilt the house of worship in which his congregation assembled. He did the painting, mason, and carpenter work, and even carried the bricks and mortar up a 30-foot ladder.

It is calculated that the number of timber sleeps on the railways of the world does not fall short of 1,495,000,000, and a low estimate of their value is \$900,000,000. This alone constituted a serious drain on the timber supplies of the world.

CUBAN CONGRESS

THE REGULAR SESSION OPENS IN DUE FORM.

WHAT THE CUBANS HOPE FOR

President Palma Believes That the Coming Extra Session of Congress Will Adopt Treaty—His Message and the Subjects Dealt With.

HAVANA.—The regular session of congress opened Monday afternoon. The recommendations in the message of President Palma were chiefly of a general character. The much discussed loan taxes are not gone into at length, and no amendment to the loan law is suggested. The president promises a special message with reference to the negotiations of the loan commissioners who went to New York, who, the message says, are certain that the loan can be obtained in the United States.

Continuing, the message assures congress of the president's zeal in carrying out the payment of the revolutionary army and Senator Palma denies all assertions to the contrary made by persons whom he terms "certain turbulent spirits."

Referring to the relations between Cuba and the United States, the message says:

Our political relations with the United States have been definitely settled by treaties founded on terms of the constitutional appendix and the latter could not be eliminated from the constitution by the mere reading of these treaties.

Congress can appreciate that within the precise terms of the Platt amendment Cuba has obtained no few advantages. Of the two forms of cession of naval coaling stations by sale or by lease the one least harmful to Cuban sentiment was adopted and the smallest limit as to the number of stations granted was made, the regulations in the cases contain other limitations favorable to Cuba. The government is acquiring territory within the stations and will soon formally deliver the areas marked out.

The honorable President Roosevelt, to whom the people of Cuban feel such profound gratitude, has been faithful to his word and has convened the American congress in special session for the purpose of taking action on the pending reciprocity treaty, from which we hope to receive such great benefits.

Trustworthy information has been received by the executive which warrants the belief that this treaty will be ratified.

The president congratulates the Cuban people on their love of order, evidenced by the cry of "indignation which resounded from one end of the island to the other when a few men sought to create disturbances." He says instances such as these have shown the capacity of the Cuban people for self-government. President Palma condemned the leaders of this movement, whom he said were too cowardly to make themselves known.

Memphis Is Shaken Up. MEMPHIS, Tenn.—A distinct earthquake shock was felt all over Memphis Wednesday morning. No damage was done, but in a number of instances tenants in high buildings hastened to the streets. Another distinct shocks occurred at 1:15 p. m.

Reports from surrounding towns tell of earthquake shocks, but no serious damages is reported. The vibrations were felt as far south as Grenada, Miss.

Colorado Bank is Closed. VICTOR, Colo.—The First National bank of this city, a controlling interest in which is owned by the Woods Investment company, closed its doors shortly before 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. A notice was posted saying that the bank was in the hands of the comptroller of the currency. The bank's capital is \$50,000. The deposits amount to about \$3,000. A quiet run on the bank had been in progress for several days.

Three Hundred Are Killed. LONDON.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Simla says terrible earthquakes have occurred at Turshise, near Turbat-I-Haidari, in Persia, in which 350 persons were killed and numbers were injured. One hundred and eighty-four carpet factories were destroyed and only thirty-two stalls were left standing in the great bazaar. The entire town was practically demolished.

Destitution in Labrador. ST. JOHNS, N. F.—Extreme destitution is reported from many parts of Labrador, owing to the shortage of the fishery catch. Unless relief be provided by the government it is believed that many of the people will perish. One vessel already dispatched with provisions has not yet been reported as arrived, and the supplies which were carried by the ship will have to be duplicated and sent by another ship.

"OFF FOR A HONEYMOON."

Laconic Message Sent by Eloping Girl to Her Parents. In Chicago and New York anxious relatives are still seeking some trace of Mabel Hunter, the helress who eloped while returning from Chicago to her Eastern home. The hunt for



the girl is made far more difficult by the fact that none of her family or friends knows with whom she eloped. All the information on this point is contained in a letter of the young woman sent her cousin, E. C. Hegler, in New York. This stated:

"Have married Charlie. Hope you won't be angry. You surely didn't think I came all the way from Chicago to see 'Little Old New York,' did you? Please break the news to Aunt Sarah. Charlie and I are off for a honeymoon. Don't worry."

Some of her friends think "Charlie" is a Northwestern university student whom Miss Hunter knew when a child. She had just been graduated from school in Chicago when she disappeared.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC DEBT.

Indebtedness \$1,299,039,993—Increase of \$2,649,956 for September.

WASHINGTON.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business, October 31, 1903, the total debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$920,402,501, which is an increase for the month of \$2,649,956.

The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest bearing debt, \$905,277,000; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,196,930; debt bearing no interest, \$392,565,913; total, \$1,299,039,993.

This amount, however, does not include \$919,843,869 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding which are offset by an equal amount of cash on hand for their redemption.

GOES TO ENGLAND TO REST.

Commander Booth-Tucker to Visit His Father-in-Law.

NEW YORK.—Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army sailed for England Wednesday on the Cedric in response to a cablegram from General William Booth, the head of the army. It was said at Salvation Army headquarters that the commander had been overcome by the sudden death of his wife and that General Booth wished him to take a few days of rest and to recover from the shock of his bereavement.

Among Salvationists it is said that General Booth is suffering greatly from the shock of his daughter's death and on account of his age it is feared the result may be serious.

HELD FOR RANSOM OF \$100,000.

Wentz is Captive in the Cumberland Mountains.

CHICAGO, Ill.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Bristol, Tenn., says:

Edward L. Wentz, the young Philadelphia millionaire who mysteriously disappeared from his father's home at Big Stone Gap, Va., October 14, is alive and a captive in the Cumberland mountains. A letter has just been received from him addressed to his parents, in which he states that he is well and asks that the ransom of \$100,000 demanded by his captors be at once paid so that he can get his freedom.

Negotiations for his release are being made.

New Austrian Emigration Law.

VIENNA.—The new emigration law of Austria, which is now awaiting the approval of the ministry of justice, abolishes the existing provision under which emigrants of all classes lose their Austrian citizenship. Under the new law emigrants for economical reasons will continue to be regarded as Austrian citizens and efforts will be made to keep in touch and assist them in the country to which they emigrate.

Mrs. Ingersoll Brings Suit.

BOSTON, Mass.—An interesting case in the United States circuit court on Wednesday was that of the bill of Mrs. Eva Ingersoll of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., widow of the late Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, to establish an attorney's lien for \$95,000 for services performed by Colonel Ingersoll as counsel for the contestants in the celebrated contest of the will of Andrew J. Davis, the Montana copper King.

EXTRA CONGRESS

WILL BE CALLED TO ORDER AT NOON MONDAY.

LITTLE WORK THE FIRST WEEK

Reorganization of House Will Be Followed by Introduction of Bills.—President's Message on Tuesday.—The First Week in the Senate.

WASHINGTON.—The house of representatives will be called to order at noon Monday by Alexander McDowell, the clerk. The opening of congress always is of sufficient interest to attract a much larger crowd to the capital than the galleries will accommodate, so admission will be by card, two being supplied to each member. There will be the usual floral displays to lend picturesqueness to what will necessarily be a routine program.

The proclamation of the president convening congress in extraordinary session having been read, prayer will be offered by the chaplain and then the roll will be called by states.

Mr. Cannon, who has been selected as the unanimous choice of his party for speaker, will be formally elected. After the oath of office is administered to him by the "father of the house," a title bestowed upon the member who has seen the longest continuous service, the speaker will administer the oath to the members generally.

The old officers of the house having been made the nominees of the republican caucus will be re-elected and sworn in. Speaker Cannon will appoint a committee to join a committee of the senate to notify the president that a quorum of the two houses has assembled and that congress is ready to receive any communication he may desire to make.

After adopting resolutions agreed upon in the republican caucus, making the rules of the Fifty-seventh congress the rules of the Fifty-eighth congress, and fixing an hour for the convening of the daily sessions, the drawing of seats will take place. The necessary preliminary work having been disposed of, the house in all probability will adjourn out of respect to the memory of the members who have died.

On Tuesday the house will listen to the reading of the president's message. For the remainder of the week little can be accomplished, but it is understood to be the desire of the house leaders that consideration of the question of reciprocal trade with Cuba be pushed as rapidly as possible.

The first week of the extra session will be devoted to the usual preliminaries of a new session of congress. The program for the week is to have four brief sessions and an adjournment on Thursday until the following Monday.

OPERATION ON THE EMPEROR.

German Ruler Has a Difficulty in His Throat.

BERLIN.—Emperor William Sunday underwent an operation for the removal of a polypus from his larynx. The operation was performed by Prof. Moritz Schmidt and was entirely successful. The only inconvenience suffered by his majesty is that he has been enjoined not to speak until the wound caused by the operation has been healed.

The bulletins announcing the result of the operation caused much astonishment even among court officials, who had no suspicion that his majesty was suffering from an affection of the throat.

Boundary Award is Final.

OTTAWA, Ont.—Hon. Clifford Sifton, one of the Canadian representatives on the Alaskan boundary tribunal, returned to Ottawa Sunday. "The decision rendered by the commission must be accepted as final," he said. "No matter how Canadian might feel about the justice of the award." In his opinion it was proven without doubt that the Portland channel ran to the north of Pearce, Wales, Sitklan and Kannaghaumt islands.

Home Rulers Victorious.

HONOLULU.—The returns of elections for county officers are now complete. They show that the home rule party has achieved a sweeping victory in the island of Maui, while most of their candidates in Hawaii island have also been elected.

Skinner Reaches Beyroot.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary Moody received a dispatch announcing the arrival of the gunboat Machias at Beyroot on its way to Jibuti, French Somaliland, with Consul General Skinner and the other members of the Abyssinian expedition. Machias stopped at Beyroot to take aboard a detachment of marines from Brooklyn and San Francisco which is to escort the consul general's party into the interior of Abyssinia.

WORD COMES FROM HAY.

He Outlines Position of United States in Panama Affairs.

WILL BE CALLED TO ORDER AT NOON MONDAY.

WASHINGTON.—The United States government has recognized the de facto government of Panama. It was announced at the state department after the return of Secretary Hay from the cabinet meeting that instructions have been sent to United States Minister Beaupre at Bogota (assuming that he has not left the capital yet) and to Mr. Ehrman, the United States vice consul at Panama and now acting consul there, to inform the governments of Colombia and Panama respectively that the de facto government is recognized.

The decision to recognize the de facto government of Panama was arrived at after a protracted session of the cabinet Friday, at which every member was present except Secretaries Root and Wilson. The president emphasized the importance of the recognition of the de facto government. With the withdrawal of the Colombian officials the isthmus was left entirely without a government, unless that established by the secessionists should be recognized, and this step seemed necessary for the transaction of the routine business of the United States on the isthmus.

NINE DIE FROM FIRE.

Caught in the Underground Workings of Mine at Virginia City, Mont.

BUTTE, Mont.—A Virginia City special to the Miner says fire in the Kearsarge mines, six miles from Virginia City, early this morning killed nine men. The damage to the surface buildings is slight. Among the dead is Superintendent R. B. Turner of Butte, one of the best known mining men in the northwest. Four bodies have been recovered up tonight. All dead miners are from Butte and were single men.

The Kearsarge is one of the principal gold mines of the state and is considered very valuable. It is operated by the Elder Mining company.

May Issue an Ultimatum.

CONTANTINOPLE.—In consequence of the porte's reply pleading the superfluity of the new reform scheme for Macedonia, on the ground that Turkey is carrying out the proposals previously agreed to it is believed Austria and Russia will send an ultimatum giving Turkey a fixed term within which to accept the proposals, and that in the event of refusal, the two powers will take steps compelling action.

Powell Cables for Warship.

WASHINGTON.—A cablegram has been received at the state department from United States Minister Powell, dated at Domingo City, stating that the insurgents are marching on that city and asking that a warship be at once sent there. The cruiser Baltimore, which sailed from Hampton Roads several days ago, is now due at San Domingo and the state department believes that her presence there will be sufficient.

All Quiet at Pine Ridge.

WASHINGTON.—Indian Agent Brennan, in charge of the Pine Ridge agency, South Dakota, in reporting on the conditions there in connection with the recent troubles, telegraphed the Indian bureau as follows: "Everything quiet on reservation. No excitement, nor is there likely to be any among the Indians."

Machen Trial November 23.

WASHINGTON.—The cases of A. W. Machen Diller B. and Samuel A. Groff and George E. and Martha Lorenz, indicted on charges of conspiracy in connection with the sale of letter box fasteners to the postoffice department, were Monday set for trial on November 23.

Asks for Recognition.

WASHINGTON.—The United States government received a cablegram from Panama requesting that it recognize the new government. The officials here are as yet in ignorance as to what this new government consists of and have taken no action on the request.

Redeeming 1904 Bonds.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary Shaw has given notice that on February 2, 1904, interest will cease on such of the 5 per cent bonds of 1904 as may be outstanding on that date. The redemption of these bonds will continue with interest until maturity.

Great Strike is Imminent.

CHICAGO.—It is probable that by the latter part of next week there will be great strikes in the stock yards in this city. All the unions have directed their representatives to vote for a strike at the meeting which will be held next Thursday. The sausage makers and canners have been out for some time and the canmakers have struck in sympathy. The general strike will be for the same reason.

CHINESE FOR WAR

SOME MEMBERS ADVISE COMMENCING HOSTILITIES.

THE OCCUPATION OF MUKDEN

Chinese Greatly Enraged at Russian Proceedings.—Demand Repeated for the Exclusion of Major Wong.

PEKING.—Yuen Shi Kay, viceroy of Chi Li province, who, as cable to the Associated Press, was dispatched to Mukden by the dowager empress with instructions to investigate affairs there and if possible to arrange a settlement with the Russians, did not go any further than Tien Tsin, which he reached Thursday evening. It is now considered doubtful whether he will go to Mukden at all.

The Chinese are more enraged at the Russian proceedings at Mukden than they have been by any events since the capture of Peking. Some of the hot-headed members of the council have advised the dowager empress to declare war on Russia and send troops to release the tartar general, whose detention at Mukden, growing out of the decapitation of a Chinese bandit who had enlisted in the Russian service, but who fell into the hands of the Chinese after the Russians had evacuated Mukden, wounds Chinese susceptibilities since it is considered to be not only an insult to a high official but an insult to the Chinese government itself.

Better informed officials, however, realize the helplessness of China and the madness of attempting to go to war with Russia. Their counsels have hitherto prevailed, though there is much baseless war talk in the native press and among the younger Chinese officials.

Paul Lessar, the Russian minister to China has repeated the demands of Russia for the execution of Major Wong, who recently decapitated a noted brigand in Russian employ and the dismissal of Yuen, the taotal of Mukden, who is Wong's superior officer.

MESSAGES TO THE MINISTERS.

How News is to Be Broken to the Governments Concerned.

WASHINGTON.—The following telegram was sent to the state department to Mr. Ehrman, the acting consul general at Panama:

"The people of Panama have by an apparently unanimous movement dissolved their political relations with the republic of Colombia and assumed their independence. When you are satisfied that a de facto government, republican in form, and without substantial opposition from its own people, has been established in the state of Panama, you will enter into relations with it as the responsible government of the territory and look to it for all due action to protect the persons and property of citizens of the United States, and to keep open the isthmian transit, in accordance with the obligations of existing treaties governing the relations of the United States to that territory."

Immediately after an instruction was sent by telegraph to Mr. Beaupre, the United States Minister at Bogota, in about the same terms.

DOWIE INDORSES ROOSEVELT.

"Elijah's" Business Cabinet Visits the President.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt received the indorsement of Alexander J. Dowie, the Zion prophet, on Monday, in an interview granted at the executive offices to the Dowie business cabinet, who are on their way from New York to Zion City. Judge Barnes, the spokesman, delivered the indorsement of the prophet.

The president expressed his appreciation of the sentiment. After the interview with the president the Zionists were joined by the women of the party and inspected the White House.

Historian Mommson Stricken.

BERLIN.—Prof. Mommson, the historian, who was born in 1817, has suffered a severe apoplectic stroke. He is unconscious. His left side is paralyzed and there is little hope of his recovery.

Chilean Crisis to End.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA.—The ministers of the general affairs, finance and war have withdrawn their resignations tendered October 31 and the crisis is expected to end soon.

Union Men Must Pay Fines.

KANSAS CITY.—James Hill and John T. Linsley, drivers for a department store, and Ernest H. Trekel, a driver for the United States Express company, union men, were fined \$100 each in police court here Tuesday for stoning a wagon driven by a non-union man, a strike breaker. Notice of appeal was given. The men were sent to jail, while their friends hurried around to raise enough money to pay their fines.